

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Mark V. Vandewalle  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Dave Willse  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING A  
GUIDE WIRE  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2006, please consider the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.